Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 681

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior. Let's begin!

Irene:	Is Kay's house on this street?
Yerin:	We are almost there. We need to walk straight and turn left.
Irene:	Is it the house with the big garden?
Yerin:	No. It is the house opposite to that. Kay's house has a white roof with brick walls.
Irene:	Oh, I see the house!

That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 681

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to the last part of the text about the friendly ghost. Let's begin!

The children became very upset. Some of them began to cry. The children knew they had a choice: they could escape, or they could stay and face this scary individual in the dark. The children ran a long distance away. The ghost followed them all the way. Finally, the children reached home. The ghost was very happy. Soon the river rose higher and higher. It was very dangerous. The ghost had helped the children survive. She had saved them from the rising water. She also used her power to lead them home. Sometimes, meeting a ghost has advantages. A ghost can save your life!

That was the ending of the story. Did you like it? Let me know in our next class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 681

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Do you guys know the history behind the Valentine's Day? We might think that Valentine's Day is just a day where we exchange chocolates, but I think there is more to it. Let's figure [it] out together!

Valentine's Day is a holiday that, in the United States, takes place on February 14th, and technically signifies the accomplishments of St. Valentine, a third-century Roman saint. With that said, most Americans, instead of honoring St. Valentine through religious ceremony, enjoy the holiday by engaging in "romantic" behavior with their significant other or someone who they wish to be their significant other. Gifts, special dinners, and other acknowledgements of affection comprise most individuals' Valentine's Day celebrations.

Chocolates and flowers are commonly given as gifts during Valentine's Day, as are accompanying greeting cards. Red and pink are generally understood to be "the colors" of Valentine's Day, and many individuals, instead of celebrating romantically, spend the holiday with their friends and their family members.

Variations of Valentine's Day are celebrated across the globe throughout the year. In America, the holiday, although acknowledged by the vast majority of the population, isn't federally recognized; no time off work is granted for Valentine's Day.

What about Japan? Is it a national holiday for you guys as well? Let me know! That's all for today! See you next time!